Girl Child Focussing on survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adolescent girls has been sanctioned through the ICDS infrastructure in 507 blocks of the country, including Vadamadurai block in Madurai district. Government has initiated a nation-wide survey including Tamil Nadu, of the problem of female infanticide with a view to identify the vulnerable areas, pin-point underlying factors and devise suitable interventions to eliminate this invidious practice. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has launched a specific scheme called the Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. Jayalalitha Scheme for the girl child as a specific measure to prevent female infanticide. The scheme extends financial assistance to girl children of poor families and simultaneously attempts to convince people to adopt small family norm. The State Government of Tamil has organised cradles in vulnerable areas to receive abandoned babies who can then be nurtured and cared for by reputed voluntary organisations.

Affiliation of private professional institutions to Central Universities

6094. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has decided to get private non-aided professional institutions conducting professional courses in the country affiliated to one of the Central Universities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have given its approval to the proposal of UGC, if not the reasons therefor;

(d) whether similar action will be taken at the State level also; and

(e) what sort of control Government will have on such institution ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, no such decision has been taken by the Commission in this regard.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Vocationalisation of Schools in Punjab

6095. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is giving greater emphasis on vocationalisation of schools and higher education in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at plus 2 level, has been started in all States|UTs except UT of Lakshadweep.

University Grants Commission is introducing a Scheme to start some vocational courses at first Degree level in certain Universities and colleges from the academic year 1994-95.

Technical posts in Bureau for promotion of Urdu

6096. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Technical Posts are lying vacant in the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu;

(b) whether it is a fact that these posts are lying vacant since 1983-84;

(c) if so, why these posts are lying vacant since such a long period;

(d) whether there is any proposal to fill these posts on ad hoc basis; and

(e) if so, what is the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Nineteen posts of varoius categories are vacant for varying periods. The process of recruitment against 13 posts is at different stages. 2 posts have been held in abeyance and recruitment rules are being amended for 4 posts.

(d) and (e) Except one post for which the Hon'ble Tribunal has given directions, no other post is being filled on ad hoc basis:

Technical posts lying vacant in bureau for promotion of Urdu

6097. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times since 1984 to 1993 meeting of DPC has been held to consider the promotion of Technical staff in Bureau for Promotion of Urdu;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of 11 posts of Research Assistants how many persons are working in the Bureau and how many posts are lying vacant;

(c) if so, why these posts are lying vacant and since when;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is 100 per cent Promotion from the post of Research Assistant to the post of Research Officer; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not promoting Research Assistants to the post of Research Officers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Meeting of DPC has been held five times during this period to consider promotion of various categories.

(b) and (c) Six posts are filled and five posts are lying vacant for varying periods. Action has been initiated for filling up two posts. Recruitment Rules for the other two posts are being amended. The remaining one post is lying vacant as its incumbent is presently on deputation.

(d) Hundred per cent by promotion failing which by direct recruitment.

(e) Only one post of Research Officer is lying vocant due to non availability of the reserved category candidate.

National fund for child care services

6098. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to set-up a National Fund for child care services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to give preference to tribal children of the backward districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Creche Fund has been set up with a Corpus Fund of Rs. 19.90 crores during the year 1993-94.